

# KENTUCKY IRISH AMERICAN.

VOLUME XXIV.—NO. 2.

LOUISVILLE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1910.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

## BOILING

Is the Political Pot in Great Britain and Ireland Boiling This Week.

On Eve of Battle Both Sides Are Arming For the Fray.

Glance Backward Shows the Uncertainty of Elections in England.

## CHAMBERLAIN IS JUMPED UPON

From London comes the word that the fight to a finish between the Peers and Commons is on in Great Britain and Ireland. A platform at party headquarters throughout England the great preliminary operations to the momentous battle of the polls are being strenuously undertaken. Speakers of every shade of opinion and of every degree of fame, from the Cabinet Ministers to the parish pump orator or bar-parlor rhetorician, and even many members of the House of Lords, are expounding their views on the various questions of the hour. On every hand are signs of the forthcoming election, and meanwhile from the headquarters of the many party organizations at Westminster are issuing forth thousands of posters, pamphlets, leaflets and circulars to work their influence on the mind of the elector on whose vote the future of the country depends.

The first returns to the new Parliament may be announced next Wednesday, but this can only be in a few constituencies including London, and the first heavy day of polling will be next Thursday. The following table shows the course of the election:

January 8 (today)—Dissolution and issue of writs. If the writs are received in time notice may be given in boroughs before 4 o'clock p. m.

January 10—First notice of county elections.

January 12—First available day for borough pollings.

January 14—First available day for county pollings.

Members of both political parties have been busy forming estimates of the result of the election. In many cases these estimates are the result of guesses or opinions formed on instinct or intuition. They may be right, for previous to an election there is often a curious certitude of victory conveyed to one party in spite of their doubts, and an equally curious doubt is borne in upon those who are otherwise outwardly hopeful. A true result can, however, only be gained with certainty by a careful study of all the factors which control an election, and in this endeavor to project ourselves into the future it is necessary to know clearly what has happened in the past.

In 1832 the Liberal majority was 305; three years later it fell to 108, and two years later still to forty. After a period of nine years the Conservatives returned to power with a majority of twenty-nine. In 1845, the Liberals returned with a majority of two, and in 1853 the Conservatives had almost as small a majority, namely eight. In 1857 the Liberals were back again with ninety-two, and in 1859 with forty. In 1865 with sixty, in 1868 with 100, the Conservatives, after a period of eleven years, returning with fifty-two majority.

In 1880 the Liberals came in with 176, and in 1885 with 170, to be ousted by the Unionists in 1886 with 118. In 1892 the Liberals had forty majority, the Unionists returning in 1895 with 152, to be succeeded in 1900 by a Unionist majority of 134. After a gap of eleven years the Liberals were returned with 356 majority.

The sentence, "Shall the Lords Rule the People?" displayed in immense letters in the Albert Hall at Mr. Asquith's meeting last week represents the vital question put to the country by the Liberals, the answer to which will be given at the forthcoming general election, which promises to be one of the most strenuous of modern times. In his speech Mr. Asquith dealt mainly of course with the action of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget, and declared that their veto must be abolished. He spoke in that guarded fashion which is so characteristic of him, but was explicit in declaring that the only solution of the Irish problem was to be found in the setting up of a system of all self-government in regard to purely Irish affairs, subject to the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament. On the question of what steps his party proposes to take with a view to carrying that policy into effect, however, he was eloquently silent.

One feature of the campaign that is attracting great attention is the cry of fraud against the alleged election addresses of Joseph Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain is a candidate for the West Birmingham seat with which he has been connected for more than twenty years. He will be returned unopposed. He is the protagonist in the fight for tariff reform, which is the chief plank in the Unionist platform, and as one of the London Liberal papers says: "Balfour's chief asset in the campaign. Mr. Chamberlain was stricken with paralysis several years ago, and since has not been able to appear in Parliament."

The Liberals now assert that

is either able to appear in Parliament, or else that the letters on the coming election are the products of another's brain.

## IRISH SPIRIT

Shown When Division 1, A. O. H., Installed Its Officers.

An unexpectedly large attendance greeted the officers of Division 1, A. O. H., at the meeting on Tuesday night. It was the first meeting of Division 1 in 1910, and the attendance and spirit shown augurs well for the new year. President Thomas Keenan, dispatched the necessary routine with due celerity. Reports of fiscal officers showed that with all bills paid there was a balance of \$600 in the treasury. Daniel Lyons was reported well, though leaving none on the sick list. The members were very proud of their treasury balance, when they considered that \$130 had been disbursed in sick and death benefits during the last quarter.

County President P. J. Welsh, who was absent on account of illness, deputized James Barry to install the new officers. Mr. Barry conducted the installation in a solemn and impressive manner. Those present declared it the most impressive installation they ever witnessed. After the installation each officer from President Thomas Walsh down pledged loyal and united support to the division and the order.

On assuming his new duties President Walsh spoke in flattering terms of the retiring officers and praised their zeal, fidelity and charity. State President George J. Butler also made a brief address, and said there was no organization that inspired better principles than the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Each member, he said, was interested in the others' welfare. Others who made brief addresses were William Murphy, Thomas Keenan, Sr., Thomas Dolan, James Barry, Martin Cusick, Thomas Arphey, William M. Higgins and David O'Connell. While the speeches were in progress the cigars were passed again and again. Each address breathed a spirit of unity, fraternity and charity.

When the business session was adjourned the Literary Committee notified everybody to wait a minute. They did, and the committee provided solid and liquid refreshments in such an abundance that the wait was worth while.

## GREAT BAZAR

In Aid of St. Cecilia's New Church Next Thing Coming.

The people of St. Cecilia's parish are arranging for a bazaar to help defray the indebtedness on the new church to be held soon after Lent, or to be more exact, from April 4 to 11 inclusive. Mackin Council has given the use of its club house for the bazaar, and has also volunteered to take charge of a booth.

The new church is now under roof and the embellishments are rapidly assuming shape. When completed the new church of St. Cecilia will be one of the most beautiful in the city. The new church has been badly needed for several years, and both pastor and parishioners have been indefatigable in their efforts to raise the funds for its completion.

The Rev. Father A. J. Brady, pastor of St. Cecilia's, is jubilant over the help afforded him by his flock. From now until April 4 the members of the parish, assisted by Mackin Council, will wage a vigorous campaign in support of the bazaar.

## WORTH NOTING.

Lent Comes Early and Gets Away Very Soon.

Lent will come early and go early this year. Ash Wednesday will arrive on February 9, and Easter Sunday on March 27. Christmas, the last and greatest feast of the year, will fall on Sunday.

In the secular calendar Washington's birthday will fall on Tuesday, but Memorial day and the Fourth of July will fall on Monday. Labor day this year will be celebrated on Monday, September 5. Thanksgiving day will fall on November 24 this year. Election day will fall on November 8, almost a week later than in 1909.

## HONORED BY METHODISTS.

The Denver University, a well known Methodist institution of the West, has conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Rev. Father William O'Ryan, pastor of St. Leo's church, Denver. The letter announcing this unenvied honor reached Father O'Ryan before the last mass on Christmas day, and he proudly read the communication of Chancellor Henry A. Buchtel to his congregation. Of five men thus honored Father O'Ryan was the only Catholic, and in accepting the degree he replied in part: "My faith is that kindness is the finest thing in the world."

## NEW BARRISTER.

It is Attorney Louis Buehner now. During the past six years Mr. Buehner has been Deputy Clerk, and has officiated as Clerk of the Criminal division of the Jefferson Circuit Court. Before that Mr. Buehner served two years as a member of the General Council. His long experience fits him admirably for the practice of law. He will be associated with the law firm of O'Neal & O'Neal.

## HOLY NAME

Of Jesus Is Venerated in Special Manner This First Month.

Devotion Only Took Definite Form in Fourteenth Century.

Dominicans Started the Crusade That Led to Big Results.

## LOUISVILLE'S RETREAT FOR MEN

Each month in the calendar year the church sets aside for some particular purpose or devotion. January, the first month, is thus devoted in a special manner to the holy name of Jesus. This custom is practiced by pious Catholics all over the civilized world.

Jesus, the doctors of the church teach us, means "the Lord is help or salvation." In our Saviour's case it had a pre-eminent fitness, because in Him, through the perfect example of his life and through his death, the salvation of God came to men. This name was announced to the Blessed Virgin by the angel Gabriel, and was actually imposed upon our Lord at his circumcision. Jesus was his personal, as Christ was his official name.

In all ages Christians have spoken with devotion of his holy name, and St. Paul in his epistle to the Philippians laid special emphasis on the veneration of the name. The devotion took a new form and received a tangible form in the fifteenth century. The Franciscan friar, St. Bernardino, of Siena, who died in 1440, used to exhibit before the people to whom he preached a board with the holy name painted on it in the midst of nails. He persuaded a poor man, who used to paint cards and who had been ruined by St. Bernardino's sermons against gambling, to make a living in another way by painting the holy name.

The new devotion was examined before Pope Martin V., prohibited for a time, defended by St. John Capistrano, and finally approved by the Holy See. A third Franciscan, Bernardino of Bustis, composed an office, which he offered for approval to Pope Sixtus IV., and Innocent VIII. without success. At last Pope Clement VII. approved the office for use in the Franciscan order; permission to use it was extended by subsequent Popes to other churches, and Innocent XIII., yielding to the prayers of the Emperor Charles VI., on November 29, 1721, ordered the church on the second Sunday after Epiphany, which this year falls on January 16, a week from tomorrow.

Within the last thirty-five years the Dominicans in the United States started a remarkable crusade for the veneration of the holy name of Jesus. Now there are branches of the Holy Name Society in nearly all the large cities of the United States. The members abstain from cursing and the use of profane language. This gives good example to others and as one writer puts it, "it grows as it rolls, like a snowball."

There is only one branch of the Holy Name Society in Louisville. It is established in St. Louis Bertrand's parish, but there are men from all over the city that are members. A preparation for the feast of the Holy Name Father N. J. Rippe, O. P., will begin a three days' retreat for the members of the society at St. Louis Bertrand's church next Wednesday evening. The exact programme of exercises will be announced at the opening service.

## CENSUS BUREAU

Needs Many Enumerators to Count the People.

The Department of Commerce and Labor is making elaborate preparations for taking a census of the United States and its colonies during the year 1910. Although the work of enumeration will not begin before April 15, applicants for places as enumerators must file their papers not later than January 25. About 68,000 enumerators will be required. Each will work in his own locality, and will be fairly considered for appointment.

The enumerators will earn about \$60 a month each. Those in rural districts must complete their work within thirty days and those in cities of 5,000 or more population within the preceding census within two weeks from April 15, 1910.

Political recommendations are not necessary. The supervisors, to whom application must be made, have been instructed to consider all candidates and to select solely on the basis of efficiency. Any person between the ages of eighteen and seventy, who is a citizen of the United States, will be permitted to stand the examination for a place as enumerator. In Louisville all applications must be presented to Chief Supervisor J. Duff Reed.

## ANCIENT RELIC.

A New Orleans paper states that the old iron cross, cast in the year 1730 and placed in the steeple of St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, is now

numbered among the treasured relics in the Louisiana Historical Society. The cross, which is fourteen feet high, with arms six feet long, was blown from its fastenings during the hurricane of September 18, 1909. Very Rev. J. M. Laval, the Vicar General of the diocese, presented the cross to the Historical Society after having it polished up and given a new coat of paint. It will be an interesting relic of old time church days in the metropolis of Louisiana.

## TRINITY COUNCIL

Installs New Officers and Is Ready For Year's Work.

The new officers of Trinity Council were installed on Monday night with Grand Secretary Eugene J. Conroy as installing officer. James B. Kelly, the retiring President, opened the meeting and presided until the new administration took hold. Mr. Kelly was complimented by various speakers for his work in behalf of the council and was given particular credit for his efforts in securing the erection of the new club house.

The newly installed officers are: President Dan J. Hennessy, Second Vice President Frank Bergman, Recording Secretary P. J. Sandmann, Financial Secretary Clem Ellert, Treasurer E. E. Mueller, Inside Sentinel Andy Brown, Outside Sentinel Charles Stober, and the following Finance Committee: A. G. Schneider, J. C. Kirchdorfer, Robert Dentsinger, John L. Cuniffe and J. J. Rittman.

After the installation President Ecker named the members of his committees on arbitration, employment, library, press, literature, picnics and dances. After brief remarks by the Rev. Father A. J. O'Grady, the Chaplain, and others the members adjourned to the basement, where refreshments were served.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Three well known Catholics were laid to rest on Monday. John Baron, Jr., aged twenty-seven years, was buried from St. Bridget's church; Peter J. Casey, aged sixty-eight years, was buried from Sacred Heart church, and Martin Connors, from St. Cecilia's church. Each of the funerals was largely attended.

Michael McGrath died at the family residence, 941 South Fifth street, at noon on Friday of last week. The deceased was forty-five years old, and is survived by his wife and two daughters. The funeral took place from St. Louis Bertrand's church on Sunday afternoon, and the attendance indicated the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Miss Mary Sue McGill, a life-long member of St. John's parish, died at Mercy Hospital, Jeffersonville, on Tuesday evening. She had not been in good health for several years, and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by two brothers, James A. and Joseph H. McGill. The funeral took place from St. John's church on Thursday.

Hiram T. Patrick, for fifty years a locomotive engineer on the L. and N. railroad, died at his home, 633 South Tenth street, on Friday morning of last week. Mr. Patrick retired from the railroad service about ten years ago. He is survived by two sons, John and Harry Patrick. His funeral took place from the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rose Burns, fifty-two years old, was found dead in bed at her room, 430 East Main street, on Tuesday. The remains were removed to the home of her brother, James Burns, 963 South Seventh street. The funeral took place from St. Louis Bertrand's church on Thursday morning. Her sudden demise is mourned by a large circle of friends.

Jeremiah J. O'Connell, for many years a member of the Louisville police force, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Edward T. Tierney, 2709 West Chestnut street, on Wednesday morning. The deceased was fifty-two years old and a native of Louisville. The funeral took place from St. Charles Borromeo's church on Friday. Mr. O'Connell's death is mourned by many warm friends.

## PLACE FOR BOYS.

Rev. Brother Pius, the big hearted and big framed Superior of St. Lawrence Institute on East College street, desires to return thanks to his friends and to the many friends of the institution for favors received during the Christmas holidays. In conversation with a representative of the Kentucky Irish American a few days ago he said: "Please let the people know we have room for a few more deserving, ambitious and industrious boys. Parents in rural districts who send their sons to the city can rest assured they will be well taken care of and will form regular habits at the institute."

## POPULAR POLICEMAN DIES.

John Moran, one of the most popular police officers in Louisville, died at his home, 1227 Dumesnil street, early on Friday morning of last week. He suffered an acute attack of pneumonia and had been ill only two days. Officer Moran was forty-two years old, and had been a member of the Louisville police force for twenty years. He was big of frame and heart. Few men in Louisville had more warm friends, and his untimely death is generally regretted. The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Moran, and one sister, Miss Bridget Moran. The funeral took place from St. William's church last Sunday and was largely attended.

## CHIEF LEHAN.

Able Fire Fighter Named Head of Most Important City Department.

City and County Now Governed by Democrats of High Ability.

New Officials Take Capable Men Into the Respective Offices.

## SQUARE DEAL FOR TAXPAYERS

Timothy Lehan, for twenty-four years a member of the Louisville Fire department, was appointed its Chief on Tuesday, and will hereafter be known as Major Lehan. He began at the bottom and for nearly a quarter of a century has worked faithfully for the public good. His appointment by Mayor Head is a deserved tribute to real merit. Major Lehan promises to give Louisville a first class fire fighting force, and all that know him are assured that he will keep his promise.

Capt. Sam Reese has been made Assistant Fire Chief to succeed Major Lehan. He has been a member of the department for six years, and is a capable man in every way. He is a brother of Lieut. Jesse Reese. In fact Louisville and Jefferson county has an entire new deal this week, new Judges, a new Sheriff, County and Circuit Clerks, County Assessor and Coroner, and all with new but true and tried Democratic deputies.

Jailer Pfanz went back to his old post as if it were home. With him went his former Chief Deputy, Eugene Blanford. Besides he has as deputies such well known men as Peter Cusick, Dan Thompson, Thomas Bennett, Louis Byers and Jacob Rothenburger. Sheriff Euler has with him for his first assistant Robert Kaltenbacher and other deputies like Dennis Heffernan, Val Kast, Joe Ludwig, Charles Schuff, John J. Cronan, Adam Spahn and others equally as well known.

County Assessor Edward A. Barry named Joseph E. Timmons, a veteran at the business, as Chief Deputy. Among his other assistants are Joe Flynn, Kellar Williamson, James Delaney, Edward Brennan, Nicholas Sheridan, Gus Hecken and John Tierney.

Circuit Clerk Louis Summers remains as his chief assistant John Page, a capable and expert clerk. Among his new appointees are Dr. J. B. Steedman, E. J. Dalton, George P. Butler and J. F. Lally. Attorney Patrick Savage, as had been predicted, was chosen by the Judges to succeed John H. Shea as Deputy Commissioner of the Circuit Court. A popular appointment made by County Judge Muir Weissinger was that of Joseph Byrne to be Official Indexer. Mr. Byrne's appointment received the unanimous approbation of the six Circuit Judges.

County Clerk Pres Ray starts out well with John H. Shea, one of the best all around accountants in Louisville, as Chief Deputy. Other deputies who fit in well are Harry W. Hennessy, Frank Hickey and Henry Lurding.

## MUCH ROUTINE

Disposed of at Mackin's Opening Meeting of Year.

Monday night was the time set for installing the new officers of Mackin Council, and a large number of the members were on hand to witness the ceremonies. Louis J. Kieffer, the retiring President, wielded the gavel until it was time for the installation. From reports of committees it developed that there were no sick members; that the council had liquidated its entire indebtedness during 1909; that despite paying out more than \$7,100 for expenses, a balance of \$1,018 remained in the treasury. After this necessary routine had been concluded Grand President Robert T. Burke conducted the installation of officers.

Upon taking his seat President John T. Kinney pledged his best efforts to increase the membership during the coming year, and to maintain the reputation of Mackin Council and the Y. M. I. Louis J. Kieffer, the retiring President, thanked the members for courtesies and support received during 1909, and made several valuable suggestions for the coming year.

Vice Presidents Frank Lanahan and Sherley Cuniff addressed the council, and each promised to be punctual in his attendance. Frank Adams, who succeeds himself as Financial Secretary, and Dan Weber, who succeeds himself as Treasurer, also addressed the members and promised to be good and faithful servants in the future as in the past.

President Kinney announced his Advisory Board for the year. It is made up entirely of past Presidents. They are James T. Shelley, Vincent B. Smith, George J. Lutz, Charles S. Baldy, Louis J. Kieffer, Ben J. Sand and William Kerberg. Other appointments were as follows: Collector, George F. Simonis; Investigation, Frank L. Lanahan and Aloisius Link; Resolutions, Frank G. Morgan, Louis J. Kieffer and William Link; Employment, Charles Baldy, August

G. Weber, Ben J. Sand, William M. Higgins and Guy Nevins; Catholic Federation delegates, P. T. Sullivan, S. J. Cuniff, Sebastian Hubbuck, John P. Stewart, James Mullarkey, S. L. Robertson, Thomas Gilligan, Henry Moran, James T. Shelley and Louis J. Kieffer; Arbitration, Frank G. Adams, Ben J. Sand, S. L. Robertson, Patrick G. King and John J. Flynn; Gymnasium, Robert T. Burke, Patrick Duddy, Ben Reed, Adolphus Andriotti and M. C. Dennison.

Incidental to the meeting it developed that the salaried officers were doing a great deal of work at extremely small salaries. James T. Shelley, Ben J. Sand, William M. Higgins, George J. Lutz and William Kerberg were appointed a committee to devise ways and means to remedy the matter.

## ABLE OFFICIALS

Named by Mayor Burke in Sister City Over the River.

Mayor James E. Burke, of Jeffersonville, got busy Tuesday, the day after his installation, and named his official cabinet or Board of Police Commissioners. They are Capt. John B. Murphy, H. Willard Phipps and Charles A. Schwaninger. Capt. Murphy was elected Chairman. The board immediately elected Sgt. Mike A. Wall as Chief of Police.

Capt. Murphy is general yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the three Falls Cities, and has served several terms as a member of the Jeffersonville Board of Police Commissioners, and has made an excellent record. He would have been elected Mayor long ago if he wished the honor. Capt. Wall, the new Chief, is an experienced officer and has been connected with the department for twelve years. At present he is quite ill at his home on West Market street, and it is feared a surgical operation will be necessary to afford him relief. His friends hope for his speedy recovery.

## UNITY COUNCIL

Starts the Year With Capable and Energetic Officers.

Unity Council, Y. M. I., of New Albany, installed its officers Tuesday night. Supreme Director Charles F. Pfeffer was the installing officer and conducted the ceremonies in an impressive style. President Fred C. Reisz, First Vice President John S. Martel and Second Vice President Peter Gonder were applauded as they proceeded to their respective chairs.

The attendance was large, and this to a certain extent was due to the invitations sent out to all the members by the Gallagher Club. After the initiation the council heard an able address from the Rev. Father G. G. Borris, Chaplain. Later the Gallagher Club spread a lunch and furnished an abundance of cigars.

Unity has had a prosperous year. The council is now out of debt and has a comfortable balance in the treasury.

## JOINT DEBATE

Between the Members of Sarto and Mackin Councils.

At the meeting of Mackin Council Monday night Grand President Robert T. Burke, Supreme Director James T. Shelley and Joseph Hancock were appointed a committee to arrange for a joint debate with Sarto Council of Owensboro. Sarto's challenge had been previously accepted by Mackin, and the aforementioned committee will act with a similar committee from Owensboro in fixing the date and arranging the details.

The last debate between members of the councils was held in Louisville at Mackin Council's hall. This time the debate will take place in Owensboro, and in all probability in the new quarters of the council if they are completed. Both Mackin and Sarto will put forward their best debaters. It is also probable that Mackin will send a big delegation to Owensboro to cheer its debaters on to victory.

## MIND OVERWROUGHT.

The Rev. Father Richard C. Grogan, aged priest, formerly of the House of Hartford, Conn., who attempted to take his own life by shooting on New Year's day, is mentally unbalanced. Inquiries made at Hartford show that he has been of unsound mind for eight years. His insanity is the result of overwork. From 1901 to 1907 he was confined in Mount Hope Retreat at Baltimore. In the latter year he showed signs of recovery. Not long ago he returned to Connecticut, but soon showed signs of mental distress. Preparations were being made for his return to Baltimore when he went to New York last week.

## WORTH EMULATING.

The placing of orphans in private families, rather than crowding them in asylums, will be a branch of the work to be looked after by a central bureau of Catholic charities in Philadelphia recently founded by Archbishop Ryan. The bureau is managed by a board of Directors of Catholic laymen. It will establish a house in which dependent children and adults can be cared for temporarily, and until disposed of in suitable institutions.

## EPIPHANY

Brought the Usual Noisy Night to Eternal City and Its Suburbs.

Reporters Indulge In Guesses as to Successor of Cardinal Satolli.

Students at American College Greatly Enjoyed Their Holidays.

## IS CALLED LITTLE CHRISTMAS

From Rome comes the news that Epiphany, Thursday, was celebrated with the usual noisy merrymaking. Bells were rung, horns were blown, confetti was thrown and the people abandoned themselves to the wildest street orgies. The police took precautions to keep the noisy throng as far away as possible from the Vatican palace.

Pope Pius X. seems to be enjoying the best of health, and never misses his daily walk or drive in the Vatican Gardens. This is the only recreation the Pope allows himself, and it occupies about an hour each day. He has been very solicitous about the health of Cardinal Satolli, who has been in danger of death for several weeks.

"Who will step into Cardinal Satolli's shoes in event of his death?" is a question that bothers the Rome correspondents of American papers. The same question may be vexing the Vatican officials, yet they do not seem to be worrying about it. Cardinal Satolli is looked upon as the man who has held in his hands the strands that bound the church in America to Rome. Monsignor Satolli, as Apostolic Delegate to the United States and as Prefect of the Congregation of Studies, occupies a peculiar position of power. His latter office made him Superior of the University at Washington. He ruled on the appointment of the Rector and the professors of the institution, which has sheltered scores of American priests now in charge of many important parishes.

Cardinal Satolli is distinguished above his fellows in the Sacred College. The consensus of opinion is that his successor will be taken from the Congregation of the Propaganda, and that he must possess a thorough knowledge of English. From this it would seem that Cardinal Segna is the most likely to be appointed.

Christmas holidays are over for the students at the American College. It was a great holiday season for them. The embryo Levites enjoyed their turkey and cranberry sauce in Rome just as if they were in America, but every student is anxious for the time when he will have completed his studies and be able to return to the land of the "Stars and Stripes."

Lest one forget, or to begin all over again, Epiphany is the day the church celebrates in commemoration of the visit of the three "Wise Men from the East," who visited the infant Saviour at Bethlehem. In this hurry-up country the feast has grown to be forgotten, though it is still observed in European countries. It has also been known as "Twelfth Night" and "Little Christmas." Many Catholic families do not take down the Christmas trees and decorations until the day after Epiphany.

## GERMANS IN HOLY CITY.

The first memorial which strikes the eyes of a traveler when he arrives at Jerusalem, says a French visitor who has recently returned to Paris, is the new church of the Germans on Mount Zion. It is built on land given by Abdul Hamid to the German Emperor. Its architecture and vast proportions are admired by all who see the building. The church will be served by German Benedictines and it is to be consecrated next year, it is said, in the presence of Prince Eitel, representing the Kaiser. Afterward the Prince will take part in the lighting of the sanatorium, also German, which is near by. At the other extremity of the town, near the Damascus gate, German buildings are increasing. The hospice and hostelry are finished. An orphanage with chapel is in contemplation. This will be under the charge of the Lazarists of Cologne, whose funds have contributed millions of marks for charitable purposes in the Holy Land.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee, C. K. of A., will meet in regular session next Friday night. President Eugene McCarthy will have a message for each delegate to carry to his respective branch. As a side issue for the evening he proposes to have a symposium. But he will not explain what a symposium is. He wants the delegates to see for themselves. It is hoped by the officers that each branch and uniform company will be represented by all their delegates.

## IRISH BUILDERS.

The American Irish Historical Society is holding its twelfth annual conference at the Hotel Plaza in New York today. Many papers of interest to the Irish branch of the Celtic race as it is helped in the building up of the United States will be read during the afternoon. The society has made big gains in membership during the past year.